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TO:

Senate Judiciary Committee

Senator Shockley Rep. Bennett

FROM:

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DATE:

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RE:

Bill Conflict Requiring Your Attention

There is a conflict between:

HB 627 (Bennett -- REFERENDUM TO REVISE PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABORTION AND JUDICIAL BYPASS) SENATE JUDICIARY HEARING APRIL 8.

and

SB 97 (Shockley -- REVISE PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABORTION AND JUDICIAL BYPASS). IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Both bills amend 41-1-405 and 47-1-104, MCA, and repeal the existing statutes on parental notification and judicial bypass, and re-enact those statutes in significantly similar manner. SB 97 would enact the changes by legislative action. HB 627 would place the changes on the ballot. However, the new sections in the two bills do have differences and even if they were identical, it would be a conflict if SB 97 is passed and approved and then HB 627 is adopted. The outcome would be duplicate statutes on the books (with differences as the two bills are presently drafted). The two bills should be coordinated or only one bill should pass.